

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable information apparatus, comprising:  
a connected state detecting section detecting a  
connected state of the portable information apparatus  
5 to a cradle;

a notification method deciding section deciding a  
method for notifying a user of due items, based on the  
connected state detected by the connected state  
detecting section; and

10 a notifying section notifying the notification  
method decided by the notification method deciding  
section.

2. A portable information apparatus according to  
claim 1, further comprising a first and second  
15 terminals for connecting a terminal of the cradle,  
wherein the connected state detecting section detects  
which the first and second terminals is connected to  
the terminal of the cradle, and

the notification method deciding section decides  
20 that the notification is performed by a first  
notification method when the connected state detecting  
section detects that the first terminal is connected to  
the terminal of the cradle and decides that the  
notification is not performed when the connected state  
25 detecting section detects that the second terminal is  
connected to the terminal of cradle.

3. The portable information apparatus according

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to claim 2, wherein the notification method deciding section decides that the notification is performed by a second notification method when the connected state detecting section detects that both of the first and second terminals are not connected to the terminal of the cradle.

4. The portable information apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising a speaker and a vibration control section for vibrating the portable information apparatus, wherein

the first notification method is a voice output from the speaker and the second notification method is a vibration by the vibration control section.

5. The portable information apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising a display and a vibration control section for vibrating the portable information apparatus, wherein

the first notification method is a display of a message by the display and the second notification method is a vibration by the vibration control section.

6. An information notifying method for a portable information apparatus, comprising:

detecting a connected state of the portable information apparatus to a cradle;

deciding a method for notifying a user of due items, based on the connected state detected; and notifying the notification method decided.

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7. The method according to claim 6, further comprising a first and second terminals for connecting a terminal of the cradle, wherein the step of detecting detects which the first and second terminals is

5 connected to the terminal of the cradle, and

the step of deciding decides that the notification is performed by a first notification method when the step of detecting detects that the first terminal is connected to the terminal of the cradle and decides  
10 that the notification is not performed when the step of detecting detects that the second terminal is connected to the terminal of cradle.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of deciding decides that the notification is  
15 performed by a second notification method when the connected state detecting section detects that both of the first and second terminals are not connected to the terminal of the cradle.

9. The method according to claim 8, further  
20 comprising a speaker and a vibration control section for vibrating the portable information apparatus, wherein

the first notification method is a voice output from the speaker and the second notification method is  
25 a vibration by the vibration control section.

10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising a display and a vibration control section

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for vibrating the portable information apparatus,  
wherein

the first notification method is a display of a  
message by the display and the second notification

5 method is a vibration by the vibration control section.

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